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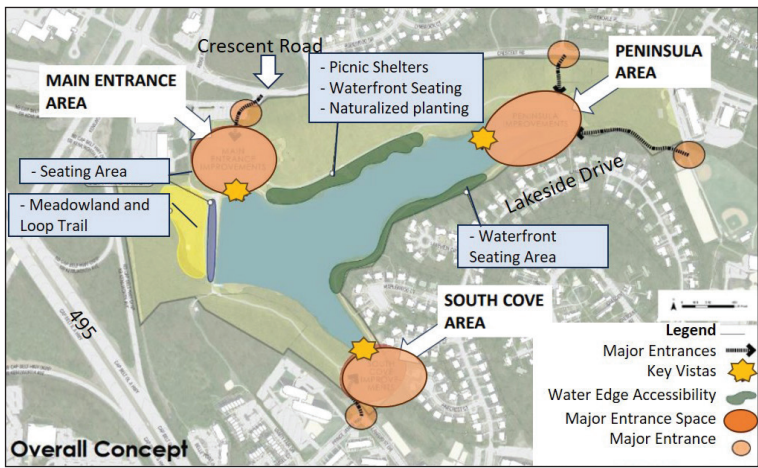
## Survey and Ideas for Attick Park Discussed in Community Meeting

by Maurice Crawford

Greenbelt's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) discussed the community survey regarding Buddy Attick Park on Wednesday evening, November 15. The survey is one of the first steps in the development of a master plan for the park. The results of the survey were presented by Tom McGilloway and Anthony Dye of Mahan Rykiel Associates, the company developing the master plan. This plan will provide a vision for use of the park and serve to guide improvements and management practices.

### Survey Results

The survey had 581 respondents, most of whom visited the park daily or once a week and lived near the park. The most common reasons for visiting the park were physical activity, walking and dog walking. Overall, the park was rated in good con-



Concept map of Buddy Attick plan

dition; however, a third of the respondents were concerned about safety.

### Emerging Ideas

There were several ideas presented aimed at improving the park. At the main entrance these included a new playground, a path to link amenities in a logical order and changes to the amphitheater to make it multipurpose. The group picnic area could be improved through a covered pavilion or gazebo. In the peninsula area improving the pathway, enhanced plantings and an overlook deck were suggested.

In the area of the south cove, one idea for how to manage the standing water often found there was to create a wetland area. Improved signage and more park benches throughout the park were also suggested.

### Accessibility and Safety

Given that the main attraction to the park is the trail around the lake, there was much discussion regarding Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and safety. Adding a hard surface to the path would increase its accessibility and make it safer in terms of a walker's stability. However, some attendees felt it would take away from the natural feel of the park.

Other attendees felt vulnerable along some sections of the path, which led to a discussion on See **ATTICK**, page 9

## Indigenous People Were Here

by Bonnie Schrack

We know there were once indigenous people who occupied the land in and around Greenbelt, but with all the development since, it can be hard to imagine

their lives. In remembering those who were driven from the lands they cared for, there are specific places where one can feel more connected to them. Both bear

the name Indian, because of the awareness that still existed among later settlers that these places had a strong Indigenous presence.

### Indian Creek

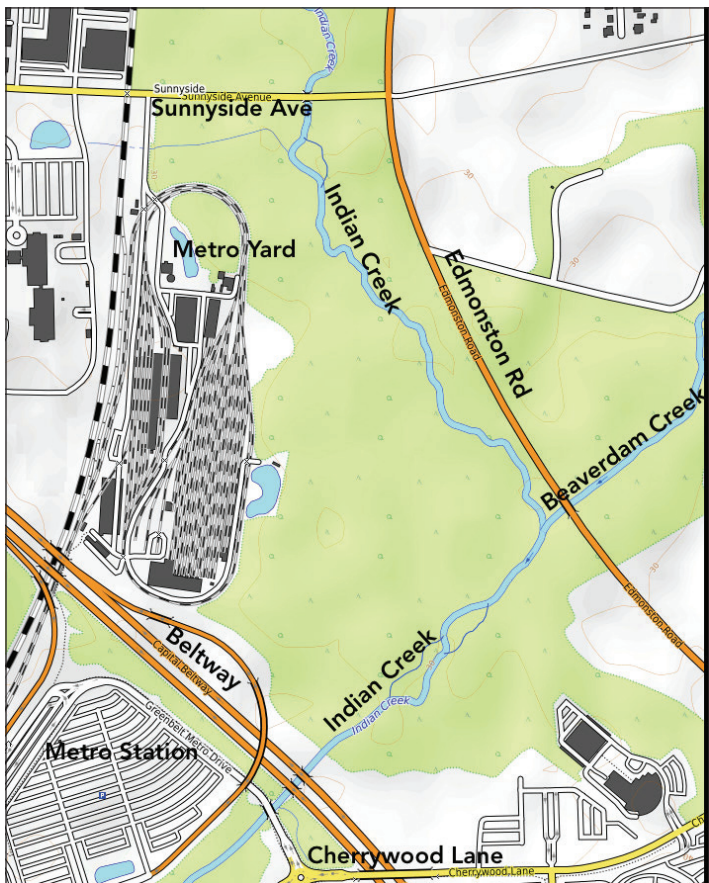
Indian Creek runs through Greenbelt. It has a rich Native history. As reported by Elena Macias in the November 29, 2018, issue of the News Review, a major archaeological dig at a site known as Indian Creek V took place before the building of the Metro Rail Yard. Many sites with Native artifacts have been found along Indian Creek, but this one received special attention because it would soon be covered by the rail yard. Archaeologists were impressed by the wealth of artifacts and plant remains found.

See **INDIGENOUS**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Monday, November 27**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession: Animal Services, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.



Map showing the location of the Metro yard where the archaeological site Indian Creek V was located

## GHI's New General Manager, James Claggett Jr., Fits Right In

by Erica Johns

James Claggett Jr. is the new general manager at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). He has been on the job for four months, starting on July 10. The News Review talked about how he was settling into his new job.

Claggett grew up in Montgomery County and has lived in Prince George's County all his adult life. He currently lives in Cheverly with his wife and 22-year-old daughter. He has years of housing/community management experience, as chief engineer at Montgomery County's Leisure World 55+ community and for the previous 10 years as general manager of the Belle View community near Alexandria, Va.

Where Belle View is a 70-year-old condominium of 980 townhomes and apartments on 56 acres, the GHI cooperative has 1,600 units and 60 apartments on 256 acres, most over 85 years old. Claggett was unfamiliar with GHI before learning of the general manager position. GHI interested him because it was a cooperative, unlike his previous experiences, and it is only eight miles from his home. He said communities have personalities just like people do. Claggett was



PHOTO COURTESY JAMES CLAGGETT

James Claggett Jr. became general manager for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on July 10, 2023.

impressed with GHI's community, the way information was freely shared, the collective approach to completing large projects and the visible talent of the staff.

Belle View's own townhome/apartment mix and large infrastructure projects prepared him for some of the work but differences include GHI's larger size, its cooperative model, the members rules and regulations handbook and the need for greater engagement with local government and the public at large. Claggett interacts often with Greenbelt city staff and city council, and county and state leaders. He emphasized the commonality people share.

See **CLAGGETT**, page 8

## Greenbelter Wins NASA Award



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Greenbelter Jon Gardner, right, was presented with the John C. Lindsay Memorial Award for Space Science at a ceremony at Goddard Space Flight Center on Wednesday, November 15. The Lindsay Award is the highest award given to a space scientist at Goddard. He was recognized for his exceptional scientific leadership of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Science Teams. Gardner was the Deputy Senior Project Scientist for JWST from 2002 until this year. He also served as the chief of Goddard's Observational Cosmology Laboratory from 2006 until the launch of Webb on Christmas Day, 2021. Gardner is pictured here with Goddard Director of Astrophysics Robert Petre.



# Letter to the Editor

## Fantastic Melodies

On Sunday we, along with many others, attended the inaugural performance of the brand new Greenbelt Community Orchestra. And it was fantastic! We are so grateful to all the people who participate in the orchestra for sharing their time and talent, for enriching our Sunday afternoon with beautiful music. It was a standing-room-only crowd, which also delighted us – seeing so

many of our neighbors so excited about the orchestra.

Thank you to all who attended, all who play and a particular thank you to Anne Gardner for founding the orchestra! What a gift you have given us all.

With gratitude,  
Kyla Hanington and Daniel Hamlin



## Reparations Commission Update

by Shabnam Mojtahedi

A new Royal Farms gas station and convenience store is under construction on Greenbelt Road, on land that originally belonged to the Piscataway people and at the same site as the archaeological remains of Toaping Castle, a plantation owned by Isaac Walker and his descendants until 1933. According to records kept by the Maryland State Archives, the Walker family enslaved Africans at the plantation until slavery was formally abolished in Maryland in 1864.

The legacy of the Toaping Castle is one of many topics that the Greenbelt Reparations Commission is researching as part of its charge to review, discuss and make recommendations related to local reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt. In February 2023, the Reparations Commission met for the first time in the City Council Chambers after a large number of Greenbelt residents voted in favor of establishing a 21-member commission during the November 2021 city election.

### Organizing the Commission

Organizing a commission of this size and nature is no easy task, and the first several months were spent determining what types of positions and sub-committees were needed to kickstart the work. Chairs and co-chairs

have been elected to facilitate the meetings, prepare proposed agendas and keep the Reparations Commission on track. This role is currently filled by Adriane Harris with support from Chelsea Barnes and Denise Nadasen.

Other appointments include a secretary to take minutes and a parliamentarian to ensure that Robert’s Rules of Order guide the meetings. The Commission is governed by the Maryland Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. A communications team is available to respond to public inquiries and share information about the Commission (through the News Review and through interviews with student and community journalists). Given the vast amount of historical and investigative research involved in this work, the Commission also elected librarians to organize documents and records collected by the sub-committees.

### Three Committees

In addition, the Commission created three committees to serve as working groups: the Historic Exploration Committee, the Education Committee and the Facilitation Committee. The Historic Exploration Committee has begun to research policies and practices that affected African Americans and Native Americans who lived

See **REPARATIONS**, page 7

## Patuxent Refuge North Tract Open Sundays

Patuxent Research Refuge announced that the Refuge’s Visitor Information Station on the North Tract, and the North Tract itself, off Maryland Route 198, will be closed to all general visitation from Monday through Saturday but will remain open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome on Sundays to enjoy the Tract’s 20 miles of trails and wildlife viewing opportunities.

The temporary closure is in response to decreased staff capacity and public safety considerations. The Refuge’s North Tract contains both active firing ranges and potential unexploded ordnance as the land was formerly a military training ground. On Sundays, there is no hunting and firing ranges are inactive. Registered hunters possessing a valid permit issued through Meade Natural Heritage Association will be allowed to access the North Tract via the Hunt Control Station and those identified in a current Special Use Permit will not be impacted.

Descriptions of programs and opportunities are available at [fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research](https://fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research).



Let’s give thanks for millions of years ruling earth, and cheers to a million more.

M. KUSIE

- News Review, November 24, 2022

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## On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

### Napoleon

A spectacle-filled action epic, the film details the checkered rise and fall of the iconic French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, played by Oscar-winner Joaquin Phoenix. Against a stunning backdrop of large-scale filmmaking orchestrated by legendary director Ridley Scott, it captures Bonaparte’s relentless journey to power through the prism of his addictive, volatile relationship with his one true love, Josephine, showcasing his visionary military and political tactics against some of the most dynamic practical battle sequences ever filmed.

### The Holdovers

From acclaimed director Alexander Payne, the film follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually he forms an unlikely bond with one of them – a damaged, brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa) – and with the school’s head cook, who has just lost a son in Vietnam (Da’Vine Joy Randolph).

### Close-Up

While reading a novel by Iranian director Mohsen Makhmalbaf on the bus, Ali Sabzian strikes up a conversation with a pretty girl, Mahrokh Ahankhah. When she tells him her family admires Makhmalbaf’s work, Ali pretends to be the filmmaker to impress her. Becoming friendly with the Ahankhahs, Ali tells them he is preparing a new movie, but when they uncover his true identity, he is arrested for fraud. This film reenacts the true story of the incident, with Ali and the family playing themselves.



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NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 30

**Napoleon** (R) (CC) (DVS)

(2023) (110 mins)

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

Fri. 4:45 PM, 8:00 PM

Sat. 8:00 PM

Sun. 2:00 PM (OC)

Mon. 5:00 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

Thurs. 7:00 PM

**Screen 2** - The Screening Room

Sat. 5:00 PM

Sun. 5:00 PM

Mon. 12:30 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

**The Holdovers** (R) (CC)

(DVS) (2023) (133 mins)

**Screen 1** - Main Auditorium

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Sun. 5:15 PM

Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)

Wed. 7:15 PM

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### Close-Up

(NR) (1990) (98 mins)

**Screen 2** - The Screening Room

Mon. 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM



# Community Events

## Fly Me to the Moon, Jupiter's Moon, Europa

NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft will be exploring Jupiter's ocean world, the icy moon Europa. NASA invites all to help them send a Message in a Bottle: Names will be engraved on a microchip that will travel 1.8 billion miles (2.6 billion kilometers) to Europa. Submit a name by December 31 at <https://europa.nasa.gov/message-in-a-bottle/sign-on>.

Europa Clipper is being assembled at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and is set to launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in October 2024. By 2030, it will be in orbit around Jupiter. It will gather detailed measurements to determine if Europa has conditions suitable for life. Learn more about Clipper and Europa at <https://europa.nasa.gov>.



## Pollinator Plants Mini Greenhouse Workshop

Come to a free workshop to learn how to make an easy mini-greenhouse out of an upcycled plastic milk or water jug and get a free kit to take home: a fully prepped jug sown with seeds of a native pollinator plant, to be left outdoors all winter. It will produce several hardy seedlings by spring.

The workshop is sponsored by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). Habitats for plants are being lost to development, along with the birds, bees and butterflies that spread pollen from flower to flower as they feed, enabling plants to reproduce. These processes are crucial, as plants are the basis of our food/energy web, and every life form above them directly or indirectly depends on them.

The one-hour workshop, which will accommodate 20 participants, will take place on Saturday, December 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 103. Register ahead of time by emailing [susanmarycahill@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarycahill@gmail.com), to reserve a spot and to help the workshop planner determine how many jugs to prepare.

## Greenbelt Chess Club

Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Monday, November 27 at the New Deal Café, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

All ages and skill levels are welcome. For more details, call Effie at 443-415-1053.

## Band Performance Now On View

For those who missed the Greenbelt Concert Band's Veterans Day performance on November 12, the video is now available on Greenbelt Access Television at [greenbeltaccess.org](http://greenbeltaccess.org). Scroll down and click on the YouTube link to find the performance.

## At the Library

All libraries in the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed on Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Regular hours for the Greenbelt Library are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays; noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 1 to 5 p.m., Sundays.

### Storytimes

Friday, November 24, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/9192149](http://pgcmls.info/event/9192149).

Monday, November 27, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/9191103](http://pgcmls.info/event/9191103).

Wednesday, November 29, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/9191172](http://pgcmls.info/event/9191172).

### Teen Action Group

Wednesday, November 29, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/9189204](http://pgcmls.info/event/9189204).

## Annual Craft Bazaar

The Greenbelt Unit #136 American Legion Auxiliary presents their Annual Craft Bazaar, including handmade items, raffles, refreshments and a bake sale. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6900 Greenbelt Road. For more information contact Rusty Beeg at [rbeeg5908@gmail.com](mailto:rbeeg5908@gmail.com).

## Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Greenbelt residents aged 60 years and older are eligible to join the club.

On November 29, Dhruvi Patel, senior agent for Family and Consumer Services, University of Maryland, will discuss diabetes.



## Friends of the Library Needs Volunteers

Friends of Greenbelt Library (FoGL) is a group of volunteers that support programming at the Greenbelt Library through the sale of used books in the Library's bookstore, Novel Endings.

They are looking for additional volunteers who can commit three to four hours per month to help with any of the following:

Meet a donor at the Library to accept book donations (Library staff cannot accept donations for Novel Endings); help sort books in the Library; shelve books at Novel Endings; tidy the bookshelves at Novel Endings; deliver books to their community partner, The SPACE, at Beltway Plaza; help with refreshments at Library events; or attend monthly FoGL meetings at the Library.

Those who are interested should email Annie Shaw at [friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com).

## Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Note the updated start time. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.



## Volunteers Needed At MakerSpace

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is seeking volunteers to staff the tool library and organize classes and other events. People are asking for more open hours (currently only Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon). Help is needed for the tool library to expand. Sign up for shifts at [signup.com/go/UNkLnqk](http://signup.com/go/UNkLnqk) or email [staff@make125.org](mailto:staff@make125.org) if interested in other times or jobs.

The Greenbelt MakerSpace is down the outside stairs on the west side of the Granite Building at 115 Centerway.

## Community Orchestra Welcomes Musicians

Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings and welcomes new members, especially string players. For more information, visit [GreenbeltOrchestra.org](http://GreenbeltOrchestra.org).



## Novel Endings Open for Business

Novel Endings is the used book room within the Greenbelt Library. Sales of books and other media from this room support special programming and the Library.

Maintained by volunteers for the Friends of Greenbelt Library, Novel Endings receives donations of book discards from the library as well as donations from the community by special arrangements. To donate books, email [friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgreenbeltlibrary@gmail.com). Cash and check donations are also accepted in the black box next to the Library's front desk.

Come see what Novel Endings has to offer and support the Greenbelt Library at the same time.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).



## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment.

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time.





### Greenbelt Access Television


**Nov. 25, Sat - Dec. 1, Fri**  
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**Scarlet Street (1945)**  
One of Fritz Lang's many masterpieces, *Scarlet Street* is a riveting film noir that delves into the depths of mankind's darkest flaws.

New This Month  
**Greenbelt Forest Preserve Ceremony**  
Honoring the 20th anniversary of the ordinance set to preserve all 225 acres of Greenbelt's Forest, the Committee to Celebrate the Greenbelt Forest Preserve hosted a well-attended ceremony to commend the many volunteers who helped (and continue to help) preserve our Great Woods and Save the Green Belt.

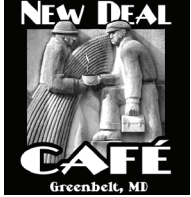
All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check [greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://greenbeltaccessstv.org) for the full broadcast schedule, and visit [Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube](http://Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube) for new video productions.



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*\*For more information on these and other events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.*

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In Memoriam

Remembering Wilda Heiss

Greenbelt resident Wilda Heiss died September 16, 2023. She was a unique, special sister, aunt and friend who was distinguished by her active lifestyle as well as her generous and thoughtful nature. She was a true treasure in the Heiss family and her legacy of music, photography and love will resonate for generations to come.

After her early days at Hamilton Jr. High, where she played the flute, and her time at Eastern High, where she honed her musical skills, Wilda earned a scholarship to Peabody Institute Conservatory of Music. After graduating from Peabody with AA, BS and Master’s degrees, Wilda graced the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra with her flute-playing prowess and later became a music archivist at the Library of Congress, leaving an indelible mark on the world of music history. Her support for the Peabody Institute led to the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Heritage Award in 2015, an event that made her family so proud.

Wilda wasn’t just a maestro of music; she became a photographer extraordinaire. Her pursuit of perfection in photography led to her desire to learn from Smithsonian instructors and cultivate her innate ability to capture people, places and landscapes from around the globe. She published a book of her photographs. Some of them not only earned awards, but found special places in the hearts and on the walls of both family and friends. She personally printed and framed many of the works, then gave away the fruits of her labor to anyone who would cherish the art the way she did.

Wilda’s generosity shone throughout her life. Not just financially, or her volunteering to perform for plays, musicals and quartets, but also as she shared photography tips she learned, donated supplies and cameras for photography classes, and even contributed pieces of art from her collection to a rotating exhibit at Peabody celebrating the talents of her 50th-anniversary graduating class.

Also an outdoorswoman, Wilda had a love for sailing, hiking and adventure. Her sailing days began on Stoney Creek and she let her brother Jack caulk the wooden sailboat each year. She sailed rivers and hiked hundreds of kilometers, until her



Wilda Heiss

PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

knees literally wore out. From the Galapagos Islands to South America, the Himalayas, Turkey and Europe, even Waldo couldn’t find Wilda. She was a true travel enthusiast and loved planning trips and traveling with the many friends she loved.

Wilda traveled to the ends of the earth and lived great experiences like witnessing the first sunrise of the new millennium in Nepal, camping in the Moroccan desert and rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. She also cherished the beauty of places closer to home, like Acadia National Park in Maine, and her adopted hometowns of Washington, D.C., and Greenbelt.

Wilda was also a competitive athlete, playing softball, basketball and speedball. Her athletic skills really shone when for 25 years, starting at the age of 50, Wilda participated in the annual 50-km Appalachian Trail Walk.

May the memory of Wilda’s extraordinary life live on.



Gravesite at Turner Cemetery

Autumn at Turner Cemetery, off Ivy Lane in what is now the Greenbelt Cemetery

- Photos by Barbara Bjanec

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## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Petitions and Requests  
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Presentations**  
- America Recycles Day Proclamation  
- Sustainability Award Presentation  
- Bradford Pear Tree Replacement Presentation  
\* Minutes of Council Meetings  
- Statement of Record - Closed Session, October 25, 2023  
- Administrative Reports  
\* Committee Reports  
\* Advisory Committee on Education - Report #23-02 - ACE Grants Current Status and Future Plans

### LEGISLATION

- Better Bag Ordinance

### OTHER BUSINESS

- FY2023 City Audit Presentation  
- Reparation Commission Consultant Contract  
- Buddy Attick Lake Inclusive Playground  
- Springhill Drive Bus Stop Accessibility  
- Charlestowne Village Site Distance Complaint  
- ARPA Equipment and Vehicle Purchases  
- ARPA Status Update  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports  
\* Approval of On-Call Contract for Engineering Services for Charles P. Johnson & Associates, Inc.  
\* Employee Special Holiday  
\* Meetings  
\* Stakeholders  
\* Re/Appointment to Advisory Board  
\* Resignation from Advisory Board

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## MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

Monday, November 27 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Tuesday, November 28 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, On the Agenda: Approval of October 31 Minutes, Discussion of Annual Open Forum Event

Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - ANIMAL SERVICES**

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To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.engagegreenbelt.org](http://www.engagegreenbelt.org).

## CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge this fall: Emergency Diaper Program, Family and Unpaid Caregiver Resource Fair, Alzheimer's Awareness Month Webinar Series, Coffee & Conversations, two Free Produce Distribution events, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Older Adults webinar, Staying Strong webinar, and more.

For descriptions and information, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESPROGRAMS).



## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

For the City of Greenbelt animal Shelter



You are invited to attend our upcoming Volunteer Orientation.

**When: Saturday Dec 2nd from 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Where: City Of Greenbelt Police Department**

**550 Crescent Rd Greenbelt, MD 20770**



Help us improve the lives of homeless animals!



## SHOP WITH A COP

Please share a little holiday cheer

The Greenbelt Police Department is currently requesting monetary donations from local businesses and residents. These donations are tax-deductible and will be used exclusively to provide gifts to children and their families residing in the City of Greenbelt.

You can make donations by cash or check at the police station. If you choose to pay by check, please make it payable to the "City of Greenbelt." For additional information, contact MPO Rahman via email at [rahman@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rahman@greenbeltmd.gov).



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**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND:** Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals receive assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

**GREENBELT RECREATION:** Greenbelt Recreation receives contributions from various sources. The monetary donations are used to support camp scholarships, special events and other designated programs as specified by the donor. Monies are transferred to the General Fund to offset the program as appropriate.

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## LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE | FALL 2023-2024

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 30, 2023 until January 2024. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents NOT to park in front of leaf piles.

### NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

Lakewood,  
Greenspring I & II

### DECEMBER 4 - 8

Boxwood

### DECEMBER 11 - 15

Woodland Hills

### DECEMBER 18 - 22

Lakeside,  
Greenspring I & II

### DECEMBER 26 - 29

Lakewood

## GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at [greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

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## BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Effective January 1, 2024, the City of Greenbelt's Bring Your Own Bag bill aims to reduce single-use plastic bag waste and litter in our local waterways and tributary system.

The Bring Your Own Bag bill will prohibit a retail establishment from providing a plastic carryout bag to shoppers and can charge at least 10 cents for each paper bag provided to a customer at the point of sale.

For more information on this bill, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOB](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BYOB).



We're grateful for each of you, Greenbelt!  
Happy Thanksgiving!



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**Archaic Period**

Analysis revealed that this site had been used for thousands of years, especially during the Archaic Period, from 8,000 to 1,000 B.C. In those days, agriculture had not yet been adopted by people in this area. They followed the seasons, spending time in different ecosystems, which allowed them a diverse diet. The Indian Creek site wasn't a year-round village, but a camp where plant and animal foods were collected and tools crafted. The extensive wetlands surrounding the camp were a cornucopia of edibles and medicines to those people, whose knowledge of the flora and fauna was immense.

All the artifacts found at the Indian Creek V site are now held in the Jefferson Patterson Park's Museum of Archaeology in St. Leonard, Md.

**Woodland Period**

After the Archaic Period, in the Woodland Period, people gradually started practicing gardening and farming. As they focused more on raising their food, they became more settled in villages, which were usually situated along major rivers such as the Patuxent and Potomac. They became known as the Piscataway. But visiting outlying camps was still very much a part of their way of life, and the abundant artifacts that were once easily found in Greenbelt testify to visits that were likely more recent. Past articles in the News Review mention generations of children collecting arrowheads at Indian Springs.

**Indian Springs**

Indian Springs was a beloved place visited for many years by early Greenbelters, who often walked over from the lake for picnics. A stone retaining wall for the springs was built by Public Works in the early 1940s. The building of the Beltway, though, left them in an isolated location



Gaps in the wall at Indian Springs contain pools of spring water that run over as they fill from the ground.

on the other side of the highway where they are often forgotten. While the roar of the passing traffic is unwelcome company for visitors, the springs themselves are a place of rare peace in a busy world. Find the farthest northeast parking lot in the Golden Triangle and look to the woods. A sign gives some direction. Perseverance and agility are needed, since large tree branches now extend across the path. A

number of large trees have been felled in the vicinity, but the clear water still wells up out of the dark pools and flows over the bright sand and smooth stones, tumbling down to its destination. Take some time there to contemplate our past and be refreshed.

*Thanks to Greenbelt archaeologist Ben Fischler for the information he provided for this article.*

During the Archaic period the following plants were gathered in Greenbelt for food and medicine:

Bedstraw Galium spp., Blackberry Rubus spp., Blue-eyed Grass Sisyrinchium graminoides, Bulrush Scirpus spp., Burreed Sparganium spp., Catchfly Silene spp., Chokecherry Prunus virginiana, Chufa Cyperus esculentus, Clover Trifolium spp., Copperleaf Acalypha virginica, Crabgrass Digitaria sanguinalis, Dodder Cuscuta gronovii, Eelgrass Zostera marina, Fern Pteridophyta, Flatsedge Cyperus spp., Geranium Geranium spp., Ground cherry Physalis spp., Hercules' club Aralia spp., Pennyroyal Hedeoma pulegioides, Pennywort Hydrocotyle umbrellata, Pickerelweed Pontederia cordata, Ragweed Ambrosia spp., Scleria Scleria spp., Smartweed Polygonum spp., Solomon's seal Polygonatum commutatum, Spikerush Eleocharis spp., Spurge Euphorbia spp., Sumac Rhus spp., Sweetgum Liquidambar styraciflua, Thistle Circium spp., Water lily Nymphaea spp., Waterhemp Acinda cannabinus, Water-milfoil Myriophyllum spp., Watershield Brasenia schreberi, Woodsorrel Oxalis stricta.

*Source: Excavation of the Indian Creek V Site (18PR94) Prince George's County, Maryland, Final Report, prepared by Charles H. LeeDecker, Brad Koldchoff, Louis Berger & Associates.*

**Book Club Accepting Greenbelt Members**

The Book Club of the College Park Community Library is accepting new members from the Greenbelt area. Club members read one contemporary book each month, usually a novel with a historical or international setting. Upcoming selections include The Art Thief, Booth, The Book of Hope, Lady Tan's Circle of Women: A Novel, Mad Honey: A Novel and The People of the Book. Meetings are on second Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Community Library in the Church of the Nazarene in College Park. Interested readers may email Joy Allchin at NJallchin@gmail.com.

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Some Fall Gardening Essentials For Cold Weather Insulation

by Xochitl Zamora-Thompson

Nature doesn't waste — dead leaves, stems, sticks and other organic debris are essential to the continuing health of the surrounding ecosystem. Leaf litter protects the soil, the myriad creatures that live in the soil, including invertebrates in various stages of life. It also protects other small



This is why we need to leave as many leaves intact as possible — a crowned slug/skiff moth caterpillar awaits a winter rest.

wildlife, especially amphibians, throughout the winter. This leaf blanket insulates the soil, maintains its moisture level, helps prevent erosion and feeds emerging invertebrates in the spring. This eventually decays, returning nutrients to the soil, which fertilizes plants. Most of our insects and other invertebrates overwinter in this leafy, twiggy, organic duvet. Fallen leaves contain various invertebrate eggs, caterpillars, moth cocoons and butterfly chrysalises, so it's best to avoid using a leaf shredder or mulching lawnmower on them as much as possible. This is vital if the yard contains keystone species. These are the five percent of native plant genera that host about 75 percent of caterpillar species — particularly native oaks, as well as native trees in the following groups: plum, willow, birch, poplar, maple, alder, hickory, elm, pine, basswood, hawthorn, ash and beech. Free apps, such as iNaturalist or Seek, are easy tools for plant identification.

Rake or blow leaves and other garden debris into beds and around shrubs and trees. Letting leaves pile up in shrubs and perennials also provides much-needed shelter for the birds and small mammals that live here year-round. If cleaning up this nourishing blanket at winter's end, wait until late spring to avoid destroying all the life resid-

ing within.

Another chore-reducing means of supporting wildlife is to allow plants to get a little raggedy through the winter. Bees, for example, nest in a variety of places, from brush piles or other dead wood to underground cavities or hollow stems. In addition to creating new brush piles or leaving existing ones in place, additional housing for these species can be provided by breaking the spent stems of stiff-stemmed plants so their hollow insides are more accessible. Leave plenty of seed heads for hungry birds and small mammals.

For more fall cleanup tasks, energy can be directed to the hard surfaces in local yards and neighborhoods. Like most suburban areas, Greenbelt has a high number of impervious surfaces, decreasing the amount of soil available to absorb the nutrients released by the fallen bounty of the beautiful woods, parks and gardens. Detritus can clog storm drains, leading to local flooding. Leaves and twigs remaining on paved surfaces become a source of water pollution. Impervious surfaces not only prevent water and the nutrients released as organic matter decomposes from entering the soil, they direct it into storm

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# Local Transportation Dominates District 22 Legislative Issues

by Deb Daniel

On November 11, Greenbelt’s representatives to the Maryland General Assembly, Delegates Nicole Williams, Anne Healey and Ashanti Martinez and Senator Alonzo Washington met in the Greenbelt Library to discuss pre-legislation priorities. The 2024 legislative session will begin for the Maryland General Assembly on January 10 and end in April. The meeting of approximately 30 people raised issues of concern but also celebrated that Greenbelt will be the new home for the FBI. The main topic delegates focused on was the need for improvements in transportation around Greenbelt. Greenbelt, along with College Park, Riverdale, Berwyn Heights, Landover, New Carrollton and Hyattsville are in legislative district 22.

### The FBI Cometh

Greenbelt’s Congressional Representative Glenn Ivey (D-4) prepared a video about Greenbelt as the home of the new FBI buildings to be located near the Metro station which, he says, will bring new jobs and generate over \$4 billion in economic activity. The decision comes after a 14-year process (see FBI HQ Selection 2009-2023: Starts, Stops and Obstacles, on p.7 of the November 16 News Review).

Washington noted the \$200 million Maryland has put in the budget for improvements and investments for two years to locate the FBI in Maryland. He emphasized that the FBI buildings should be part of the wider Greenbelt community, not built “as a fortress” with its own malls and services isolated from Greenbelt. Washington pointed out the existing resources in the area, such as the University of Maryland and Goddard Space Flight Center.

### Transportation

Healey, who sits on the Transportation and Environment Committee, shared that the transportation trust fund will have less than projected due to decreased revenue from gas taxes. With an increase in electric vehicles, alternative funding for roads must be found, she said.

Another important issue within transportation is safety. An accident where six people were killed while working on roads brought home the safety issues involved in using our roads, bike trails and sidewalks.

Recently, Amtrak (a national rail system) has received some federal money, thereby decreasing the need some see for the maglev trains. However, certain state tunnels must be enlarged to make way for Amtrak double-stack trains. The state has not budgeted for maglev, it was noted, and plans for it have met broad opposition from local leaders and residents.

### Purple Line

Washington talked about improvements to Greenbelt Road, some continuing pedestrian and cyclist issues near Goddard, and the failures of the Purple Line, a light rail line that will run from Bethesda to New Carrollton. The Purple Line is supposed to provide a vital transportation link across Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties. Concerning the Purple Line failures, he particularly noted the potholes and inconveniences from construction which endanger pedestrians and cars. Purple Line construction has also generated significant cost overruns. Washington still supports the Purple Line, but the failures must be addressed, he said.

### Greenbelt Speaks

Resident Bill Orleans brought up multiple issues, including stream access near the Metro, widening of Edmonston Road and development on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. He emphasized that housing assessments will rise as housing becomes more in demand and expensive, resulting in higher taxes. In addition, he said, without rent stabilization, rising local demand for housing will cause rental prices to rise. In response, Washington noted that various rent stabilization bills from the county up to the state level have been proposed and he is in favor of rent stabilization.

### Transportation Questions

From the audience, Ethan Sweep, liaison for Ivey, noted that this year has been one of the most dangerous years for traffic fatalities. A survey shows that the most accident-prone areas along the Beltway are in Greenbelt’s congressional district. Sweep

has also personally witnessed an uptick in loud vehicles and aggressive driving. He questioned whether there was an ability to add stop signs and cameras to areas and to address repeat offenders to keep them off the roads. Healey replied that last year she tried to get a bill through for cameras on stop signs and ran into resistance. She is hoping to renew this effort for the 2024 General Assembly session. Washington added that last year there was a bill for citing loud mufflers and car noises using noise detection cameras. Healey mentioned that the deadliest stretch of road is in Prince George’s County, citing Md. 210, also known as Indian Head Highway. It’s a poorly designed road that needs to be re-worked and hasn’t been improved by the many cameras that are in use there.

Resident and recently retired city councilmember Judith Davis questioned if a task force or study group report is exploring alternative means of funding transportation and legislation that might pass through this 2024 session. Healey responded that there is a legislative group working on a report which will be in hand for the 2024 year, but she can’t predict whether there will be legislation this year.

Resident and former city councilmember Konrad Herling questioned whether there would be transportation to move FBI people into all of Greenbelt and perhaps discover the benefits of the surrounding area. He talked about the fiefdoms (state, county, Metro) of different transportation systems and asked whether we can have an integrated

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in Greenbelt. Areas examined so far include the history of the Piscataway tribes who were original stewards of the land and the history of segregation in Greenbelt. Members have also reviewed the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission documents related to those topics. In addition to desk research, they have toured the Greenbelt Museum archives and met with archaeological experts such as Ben Fischler, a Greenbelt resident and a professional archaeologist who has broad historical knowledge of Greenbelt and the land it was built on, to better understand Greenbelt’s history pre- and post-1935.

The Education Committee is tasked with researching what other cities and towns have done or are doing to advance reparations work in their communities. Members of the committee have spoken to representatives of other commissions around the country and are exploring learning opportunities about reparations for both the commissioners and the wider public in Greenbelt. On November 1 the commissioners participated in an educational webinar on the history of the reparations movement in America, presented by Dr. Taifa Nkechi, a reparations history expert. While the webinar was open to the public and recorded, the commissioners were the primary audience for

this event. The Commission is planning public educational sessions to inform and get feedback from the community. The location, time and topic of these sessions will be advertised in the News Review and posted on the Commission’s page on the Greenbelt city website.

Finally, the Facilitation Committee has been tasked with hiring an outside facilitator to help the Commission clarify its goals and develop a strategy and timeline to meet those goals. After a competitive procurement process and two interviews, the committee, with approval from members of the Commission, has selected a tentative candidate located in Baltimore.

The Reparations Commission welcomes input and participation from the public. Meetings, which are open to the public on Zoom and in-person, are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19. Information will be posted in the News Review and at [greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/reparations-commission](http://greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/reparations-commission). To contact the Commission in writing, email [reparationcommission@greenbelt.gov](mailto:reparationcommission@greenbelt.gov).

*Shabnam Mojtahedi is a commissioner of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission.*

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“People are people,” he said, “so I found they have more similarities than differences.”

Getting Started

Before his official start, Claggett shadowed longtime, well-respected General Manager Eldon Ralph. After Claggett’s July 10 start date, Ralph stayed for three weeks before retiring in order to advise him as he settled into his new role.

Claggett said the transition couldn’t have gone any better, saying of Ralph, “With his [30 years of GHI] experience, he understood situations, he knew the members, he understood the handbook, so if there was a question that arose, he could act right away. Me, [because I’m still learning], sometimes I can’t act as quickly as I think he would have acted. But we’re very similar in temperament.”

Claggett continues to familiarize himself with the GHI bylaws, its member handbook and cooperative law. “I have to understand federal law, Maryland law, [county and city] and how they impact GHI policies and procedures,” he said, “[because] the first rule of managing a community living environment is never propose rules or policies that are unenforceable. Once you understand the [legal sources], you can build consensus and move forward.”

“My goal for the first 90 days was to learn GHI policy, how the different department heads worked and ran their departments and understand the different priorities,” continued Claggett. “Then maybe discuss implementing a new policy and how to go about doing that. That met with a lot of positive reception.” When asked to describe himself as a manager, he mentioned being fair, accessible and transparent.

Claggett is getting to know GHI staff, with biweekly breakfasts of five to eight persons from across GHI departments, where participants learn more about each other and their jobs. He has enjoyed discovering GHI’s “worldly, accomplished” staff. He began learning about the cooperative’s infrastructure and maintenance by visiting the crews doing roof replacements, looking at parking lot repairs and walking the Parkway Apartments.

Claggett has met GHI members at meet-and-greet events hosted by the GHI board and individual members in order to resolve specific issues. “The feedback that I’ve gotten is that I have been accessible, that I have been kind [and] I have been cooperative as we worked through different member matters.” He added, “GHI’s December 5 Town Hall meeting will include time for members to talk with me.”

Settling In

Claggett said he interacts most with the GHI board of directors and the GHI departmental directors (finance, member services, technical services, maintenance and human resources). “The board is the leader. The president sets the tone and he is intentionally inclusive. I view my role as a partnership with the board,” he explained. “They set policy and it’s up to me to understand and implement the policy. They may have questions, so [my role may be to advise] them. But I’m always second to the board. They set tone and policy, and I’m responsible for implementing and execution.”

When asked about how he supports and partners with GHI

staff, he looked at the whiteboard on his office wall with each department’s activities and discussed three examples, one of which benefits from his Belle View experience. GHI is writing a tree maintenance policy to balance safety and beauty to preserve the tree canopy loved by members and other Greenbelters. Belle View implemented a tree maintenance policy that reduced tree removals/replacements to under 15 trees per year. A second example is supporting members who want to age in place by connecting them with city resources such as CARES and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program and with making necessary home modifications. A third is the safety training the maintenance director holds biweekly with all maintenance staff.

When asked how his beliefs about GHI have evolved since he began his job, Claggett said, “My understanding of the talent base was very high but [still] I underestimated it. The people here are very knowledgeable and very passionate about protecting GHI. I appreciate that very much. I also appreciated Ralph. He is an excellent identifier of talent. The [department] directors and the other staff members here are extremely dedicated, extremely talented.”

GHI Board President Stefan Brodd commented, “The transition has been very smooth. The board is very pleased with how things are going ... Particularly after such a long tenure for Ralph and the outstanding job he did for us, we had some trepidation, but it’s proven to be unfounded. We’re delighted with Mr. Claggett’s professionalism, his knowledge of the field, the compassion and kindness with which he treats our members. We feel very fortunate.”

Going Forward

Claggett sees GHI’s top three priorities as relating to the aging water infrastructure: 1) the replacement program for water supply and wastewater pipes in GHI homes, 2) stormwater facilities and management, including working with council and staff on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of responsibilities for areas affecting both GHI and the city and addressing flooding

from 33 Ridge, 56 Crescent and 1 Gardenway downhill to the underpass near the Sunoco and 3) reaching an agreement with WSSC Water, who owns pipes between streets and GHI homes, with its maintenance and replacement implications.

Personnel retirements and departures of city and GHI staff delayed the MOU effort that began several years ago. In fact, four of GHI’s five departmental directors are new to their positions within the last two years. When asked for the effect of that turnover, Claggett said some efforts require more research than with previous staff, because they have less institutional memory. He described the turnover’s bright side: with five of six senior staff newer to their jobs, together they bring a renewed energy to managing GHI. Brodd said the personnel turnover is another reason why the board appreciates Claggett’s transition. “GHI is a very large, very complex community,” said Brodd. “We have a long history, we have a lot of quirks. It can take a long time to understand how things are done. The very smooth and quick way in which Claggett has adapted to that situation was very pleasing.”

Building Relationships

The MOU illustrates Claggett’s growing relationships with city staff and council, including his counterpart and equally new City Manager Josué Salmerón who started work two months after Claggett. “[Mr. Salmerón] and I met on numerous occasions, about various projects that affect GHI and the city,” said Claggett. “Our interactions have been very kind and very faithful. It appears that we both just want to do the best job we can for the citizens.” Brodd later added, “I don’t think in the history of Greenbelt we’ve had a new GHI general manager and a new city manager at the same time. It’s a historic change-over in governance.”

Another issue Claggett is undertaking is ensuring county rent control legislation does not adversely affect GHI. He is working with County Councilmember Ingrid Watson, State Senator Alonzo Washington and State Delegate Marvin Holmes. The legislation prevents landlords from increasing rent over 3 per-

cent per year. Though originally written to include cooperatives, which could have constrained GHI’s ability to manage its own finances, it was amended to exempt cooperatives.

Brodd shared that Claggett is interested in building relationships with Greenbelt homeowner associations, local housing cooperatives, the Prince George’s Commission on Common Ownership Communities and national organizations such as the Community Associations Institute and the National Association of Housing Cooperatives, with which GHI is affiliated. Doing so could provide insights on how similar communities are facing shared issues. One concrete example is already having attended Watson’s HOA roundtable, which Brodd described as very informative and an opportunity to meet others in similar situations.

Brodd said of Claggett’s relationship building, “I think he’s very aware of the importance of relationships, especially in a community like ours that’s quite

close-knit.” Claggett said he is “a family man and that may be why things appear to be meshing well with GHI, because it’s a family-oriented community and I identify with those values.”

Pastimes

Claggett said he enjoys activities with his family such as walking, grilling and cooking. Asked for something about himself that others might not know, he responded, “I LOVE to shop. My wife and I, we can go all day, all weekend. At least once a year we’ll go to King of Prussia, Pa. It’s not for expensive things, just to be out and to people-watch and window shop. One of our annual traditions is Black Friday shopping. So, after Thanksgiving, we’ll go to the farthest place [of the stores we want to visit] and go all night.” He said they haven’t decided where they are going this Black Friday, but “we’re gonna do something” because they haven’t done it for a few years.

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transportation plan.

Environment

Resident Vijay Parameshwaran asked what climate and environment legislation might be enacted in the upcoming session. Healey noted that, across the state, a consensus exists to move away from gas in housing and new buildings and to become more mass-transit oriented. Resident Kathy Bartolomeo talked about

Greenbelt’s fight against the maglev, especially with a tight transportation budget. Healey again emphasized that there will be no state funding for maglev at all.

The pre-legislative meeting also highlighted juvenile justice and autonomy issues, which will be the topic of an article in next week’s News Review.

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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred November 13 - 19, 2023. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported one incident involving child protective services; three death reports; four domestic disputes, including one leading to an arrest and one involving vandalism; one mental health diversion involving suicide; and one sexual assault. A missing person case from November 14 near 9100 Edmonston Road was resolved. On November 19 near 7200 South Ora Court, a man had a stroke and dialed 911. Police found him and he was taken to the hospital.

### Armed Robbery

On November 17 at 8:06 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a man was unloading his vehicle when another man approached him with a handgun and demanded the car keys. The victim did not have the keys and the suspect stole his money and fled on foot.

### Armed Person

On November 18 at 3:43 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, a man sitting on the stairs of the apartment building stated that another man brandished a firearm. The man with the gun apologized and put it away once he realized the other man lived there.

### Disorderly

On November 13 at 7:23 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, someone knocked over several items in a store.

On November 17 at 7:30 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, an employee stated that three females were being loud inside the store and refusing to leave. The disorderly people did not hit the employee but did make a threatening gesture.

### Driving without a License

On November 16 at 11:06 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a 15-year-old was driving without a license; he was taken into custody and released to his guardian.

### DUI Arrests

On November 16 at 10:12 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a driver under the influence struck several vehicles.

On November 16 at 2:36 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane, a driver under the influence caused a three-vehicle accident.

On November 19 at 8:20 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, a driver under the influence struck two parked cars and blocked the middle of the roadway. Several witnesses were on the scene.

### Fraud

On November 15 at 4:21 p.m. near 12 Parkway, a signature on a check was forged.

### Robbery

On November 16 at 3:40 p.m. near 20 Ridge Road, a victim's sneakers were stolen by two boys. One was arrested, charged and released to his parent. The other fled on foot.

### Theft

On November 15 at 6:58 a.m. near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, a package was stolen, and the sender representative said it was delivered to the address. On November 15 at 11:26 p.m. near 8150 Lakecrest Drive, contractors were accused of stealing from a residence. On November 17 at 1:46 p.m. near 5300 Davis Point Lane, a package was taken from the doorstep. On November 17 at 9:54 a.m. near 7700 Belle Point

Drive, an employee's work tools were stolen. On November 19 at 2:59 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, plants were stolen from outside an apartment door.

### Commercial Theft

On November 13 at 6:45 a.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man known for appliance thefts stole some items. He was identified and later apprehended by Anne Arundel County Police at the Laurel Target during the commission of another theft. On November 15 at 10:18 p.m. near 6200 Greenbelt Road, a man stole clothing items from a store. On November 15 at 3:51 p.m. near 7300 Hanover Parkway, a disorderly suspect threw an iPad and made a hole in the wall, then stole the tip jar and fled. On November 17 at 6:04 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole an outfit. On November 18 at 4:03 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, three women stole items.

### Vandalism

On November 16 at 6:15 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, someone shot BB pellets through apartment windows.

### Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicle

On November 13 near 9100 Springhill Court, a blue 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Md. 8EN3370) was stolen.

### Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On November 17 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a vehicle

stolen from D.C. was recovered. On November 17 near Westway and Lakeside Drive, a vehicle carjacked in Prince George's County was recovered. On November 19 near Springhill Terrace and Springhill Drive, a Hyundai Sonata was found crashed into a curb; it had been stolen in D.C.

### Attempted Theft of Vehicle

On November 16 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a Hyundai Elantra had a broken window and the ignition was tampered with.

### Theft from Auto

License plates were stolen from three vehicles: on November 13 near 6000 Springhill Drive, November 16 near 5200 South Center Drive and November 19 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane. On November 16 near 5801 Cherrywood Terrace, a disability placard was stolen.

On November 16 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, work tools were stolen from a vehicle. On November 16 near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a catalytic converter was stolen.

### Vandalism to Auto

On November 15 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a vehicle was spray painted. On November 16 two vehicles near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace had windows broken but nothing taken. On November 19 near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a window was broken and the vehicle was ruminaged through.

## Police Officers Arrest Armed Juvenile after Carjacking

On November 18 at 1:28 p.m., officers responded to an armed carjacking in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive. The victim reported that three masked males approached him in a gray car with tinted windows. Two of the suspects were armed with handguns and they stole the victim's black 2018 Chevrolet Impala. Officers searched the area and were able to locate the stolen vehicle in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace with one of the armed suspects in it. A fully loaded Glock handgun was recovered from the



The loaded Glock recovered from the juvenile suspect

juvenile suspect. The suspect was taken into custody along with the handgun. Since the suspect in custody is a juvenile, the Department of Juvenile Services has been notified.

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sewers, streams and larger bodies of water. Once in the water, excess nutrients promote algae growth, just as excess fertilizers applied to agricultural fields or lawns do. Algae blooms starve the water of oxygen, killing fish and other aquatic life, greatly reducing water quality for humans and wildlife, and disrupting the entire ecosystem locally and downstream. Moving leaves and other organic materials from impervious surfaces to beds, brush piles, wooded areas, compost bins or to dedicated leaf piles protects our waterways and all the creatures that live in them or otherwise depend on them.

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garden chores, you can put that energy into planning pollinator- and gardener-friendly zones filled with native plants around keystone trees and throughout the yard. As long as the ground stays workable, plant native woody shrubs and trees during the fall and winter. These suggestions are based on the work of the Pollinator Partnership and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, and offer an investment in the long-term health of a vibrant Mid-Atlantic region.

*Xochitl Zamora-Thompson is the Pollinator Team co-chair for Green ACES.*



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ways to prevent potential wrongdoing. Adding lighting was not well received because it would change the nature of the park and affect wildlife. Cameras would not necessarily improve safety in the area, but at least one attendee suggested getting data on incidents in the park before taking any action.

### Keeping It Natural

McGilloway and Dye felt that Buddy Attick Park is composed

of two parks. The first is the area around the main entrance and the nearby picnic areas, which rest within the larger park that includes the trail around the lake, the south cove and peninsula. These differences will be considered as the plan is developed.

In general, audience members felt that it was important to make improvements to the park but also to maintain the natural essence of Buddy Attick Park.

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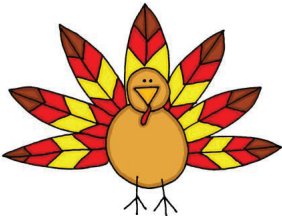
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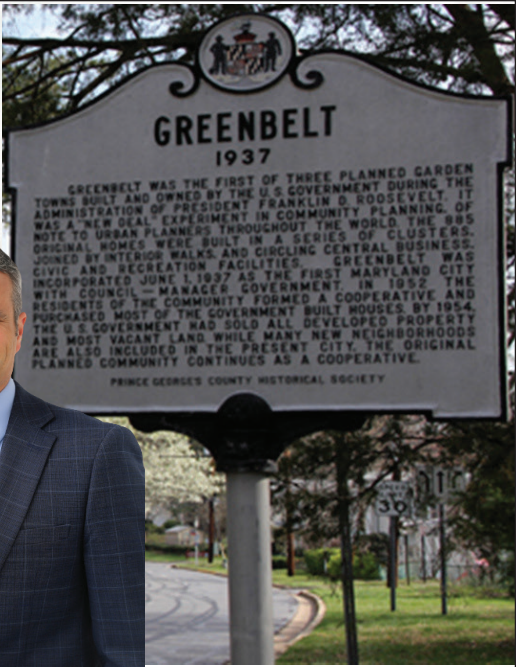
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Sports

Raiders Start Fast, Remain Resolute  
En Route to State Semifinal Berth

by Patrick Gleason

It was a battle from start to finish but the Roosevelt Raiders ended up victorious, 30-28, earning a spot in the state semifinals. Before the first quarter ended, the Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders football team led 13-0 in their state quarterfinal matchup with the Old Mill Patriots on Friday, November 17 in Millersville. After their initial score, the Raiders forced a fumble – the first of a plethora of Patriot miscues – on the ensuing kickoff that led to another touchdown before the second-seeded Patriots could blink. Roosevelt capitalized all evening on Patriot turnovers, including a muffed punt, an interception and a punt that deflected off an Old Mill lineman. The early scores by the Raiders meant the Patriots never settled in, despite showing the flashes of brilliance responsible for their 8-1 regular season dominance in Anne Arundel County.

Though the Patriots produced several dynamic offensive plays in the second quarter, the Raiders continued to respond to each

challenge. Midway through the quarter, junior quarterback Kamal Ali ran the triple option to his left and froze the linebacker with a fake pitch to the trailing running back before coasting through the Old Mill defense en route to six more points. However, the highlight of the first half came from the foot of junior kicker Niles Brown. After the Patriots took a 21-20 lead, the Raiders began a late drive hoping to regain the lead – and Brown ensured they would. After Ali guided the offense to the Patriot 30, he killed the clock with one second remaining. Undaunted by the 47-yard field goal, Brown drove the kick through the uprights for a two-point halftime lead.

Then, the teams traded second-half miscues with both teams on the cusp of asserting dominance though neither could pull away. After a scoreless third quarter, Ali catalyzed the Raider offense for a touchdown that provided cushion for Coach Tom Green’s squad. On a third down in Pa-

triot territory, Ali rolled to his left before finding senior wide receiver Cole Johnson in stride for the fourth Raider touchdown of the evening; Brown followed with an extra point making it a two-score game. The Patriots responded right away with a wide receiver screen that brought them to the Raider goal line, where they tightened the score to 30-28. But after the Roosevelt offense milked the clock, the Raider defense remained resolute and the scoreboard never changed.

Now the Raiders meet a familiar foe in the state semifinals on Friday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. when they visit the Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. Pumas after dropping a close regular season matchup in September. The other state semifinal pits the Broadneck Bruins against the Churchill Bulldogs with the winners facing off in the state final on December 1 at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis.



Kicker Niles Brown’s 47-yard field goal proved to be the difference in the victory over the Old Mill Patriots.

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Junior Kamal Ali sprints toward the third Raider touchdown of their state quarterfinal victory on November 17.

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City Notes

Museum staff welcomed and briefed journalists about Greenbelt after the FBI announcement. Arts staff led Diwali artwork activities for the Springhill Lake after-school program and facilitated an Arts Advisory Board meeting.

Animal Shelter residents include seven cats, nine kittens, three dogs and a rabbit. Refuse and Recycling collected 24.86 tons of refuse and 10.05 tons of recyclables. Public Works provided 100 Greenbelt Connection rides. Information Technology worked with a camera vendor on cellular connection.

Community Center staff provided equipment for the governor’s press conference, Veterans Day ceremony, council swearing-in and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program’s Caregiver Resource Fair. The facility accommodated a blood drive, food distribution, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Honk! Situation, Interfaith Leadership, DEI officer, Arts Center, Volksmarchers, Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition, Girl Scouts, Writers Group, 15 rentals and the Greenbelt Community Orchestra’s debut.

CARES provided resource information at Greenbelt Middle School’s International Parents Night. At GAIL’S Caregiver Fair, more than 20 vendors offered resources.

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# New Artisans, Services, Plus Old Favorites at Sparkle Mart

by Rebecca Squire and Nicole DeWald

Every year, Sparkle Mart visitors enjoy the opportunity to discover new artists and artisans, while mingling with neighbors and reconnecting with their favorite vendors from past shows. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program, this juried show takes place at the Community Center on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In total, nearly 80 artisans will be participating on three accessible floors.

New vendors Yandong Wang and Michael Guarraia utilize recycled materials toward different and interesting ends. Wang uses reclaimed copper to create detailed, naturalistic wildlife wall sculptures and ornaments. Guarraia creates quirky, industrial-style lighting fixtures incorporating vintage equipment.

New jewelers this year include Ivy Lewis and Lucy Foronda Dirksen. Lewis creates bold, modern designs in leather, wire, resin and mixed media. Dirksen uses sterling silver and semi-precious stones in her designs, many of which reflect influences from nature and the Art Nouveau movement.

Several new fiber artisans are joining the fair this year. Sue Szary will be offering elegant woven goods as well as birchwood fiber arts tools. Lindsay McAndrew creates whimsical crochet, including wearable accessories and children’s plush toys. Janice Hawkins and Kristina Crenshaw will offer their handmade quilts, rope bowls and pillows.

Additional treasures to be discovered include beautiful turned vessels, candlesticks and ornaments by woodworker John Whitehurst and striking linoleum block prints by MC Carey.

Those wishing to add some festive flair to their look for the holiday season may want to visit Claire Meiklejohn and Karen Beleck’s “Fairy Hair” booth in the Center’s Ground Floor East. The two artisans add strands of colored tinsel to customers’ hair that are washable and projected to last up to four weeks.

Guests who are ready to curl up for a cozy respite may be interested in scented candles by Nikki Battle and books by local authors. Works by Amber Hennessey and Meg Edson are centered around special animals that have touched their lives. Robert Tyler will be offering his newest crime novel, *Circus Absurdus*.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Rock Creek Revival will be making their Sparkle Mart debut on the gym stage. This Maryland-based, acoustic band draws inspiration from the broad history of bluegrass, from first-generation pioneers like Bill Monroe and Jimmy Martin to more contemporary acts such as Hot Rize and Yonder Mountain String Band. Their sets also incorporate songs from artists such as the Grateful Dead, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt and Sturgill Simpson, as well as their own original tunes.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, guests can enjoy barbecue from the Good to Da Bone

food truck, benefitting the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee. The truck will be located on the traffic circle by the flag pole, outside the Ground Floor East entrance. (The Labor Day Committee has been working to identify an additional vendor offering vegetarian or vegan fare, but that has not come together as of this writing.)

All booth spaces for this show are booked. Vendors interested in applying in 2024 are invited to provide their email address to Anne Gardner at [agardner@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltmd.gov).



Heron wall sculpture by Yandong Wang

- Photos courtesy the artists

City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council. For more program information, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).



Vase with finial by John Whitehurst



Lamp by Michael Guarraia

City of Greenbelt Final Election Results November 7, 2023								
	Precinct 3	Precinct 6	Precinct 8	Precinct 13	Precinct 18	Early Voting	Mail-in	Total Votes
<b>For City Council</b>								
Ric B. Gordon	418	322	94	93	103	168	539	1737
Matthew A. Inzeo	240	196	42	81	127	97	309	1092
Jennifer A. Pompi	399	299	79	105	116	170	529	1697
Rodney M. Roberts	307	259	46	87	105	107	438	1349
Moses N. Sekatawa	100	82	33	31	51	33	185	515
James R. Whipple	143	110	39	41	45	62	218	658
William A. Orleans	83	54	15	28	32	31	116	359
Emmett V. Jordan	477	358	93	133	159	189	627	2036
Kristen L.K. Weaver	403	303	91	96	111	190	564	1758
Danielle P. McKinney	360	264	90	105	106	168	504	1597
Silke I. Pope	375	300	52	93	126	148	528	1622
Write-In	15	8	2	3	2	10	17	57
Total votes cast	3320	2555	676	896	1083	1373	4574	14477
Aver. # of votes cast per voter in Council race	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.4
<b>Voter Statistics</b>								<b>Total Voters</b>
PROVISIONAL	14	2	1	2	2	1		22
# of voters voting at polls	604	484	130	164	209			1591
# of voters voting early voting + mail-in	268	244	56	112	131	261	811	1072
Total Voting (polls + early voting + mail-in)	886	730	187	278	342	262	811	2685
# Registered to Vote	3,197	2,441	3,824	3,023	2,588			15,073
% of reg. voters voting	27.7%	29.9%	4.9%	9.2%	13.2%			17.8%
Referendum (Yes)	385	282	91	93	123	174	445	1593
Referendum (No)	178	151	25	54	60	64	267	799

Final tallies from the November 7 municipal elections. Precinct counts represent those voting at the polling station, but with the open voting, that doesn’t reflect who lives in the precinct.

## Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Fall! Happy Birthday, News Review!

### Seasonal haiku contributed by News Review readers and staffers

Thanksgiving, a time  
To visit your family  
And make memories.  
– Kathryn Beard

Colors of the feast  
Remind of the autumn woods  
Pumpkin gold, crisp brown  
– Cathie Meetre



Orange pumpkin pie  
beige turkey, the News Review  
is read all over  
– Sandy Rodgers

Days getting shorter  
Garden season winding down:  
More time for reading!  
– Deanna Dawson

bony autumn trees  
feast, drink and be jovial –  
savor thanksgiving!  
– Joseph Brown

Will Come Home  
Fed a real turkey,  
Borrow of a neighbor’s pie –  
Ingest for nation.  
– Richard M. Bates

Gratitude  
Hard life’s strife without,  
Home’s serenity within –  
Thank you, spouse, for you.  
– Richard M. Bates

Give a shout and cheer  
The News Review serving you  
For 86 years.  
– Kathryn Beard

crisp enlivened air,  
afternoon lulls me away–  
fleeting beauty falls  
– Patrick Gleason

Crunching leaves, warm clothes  
Food smells, gathering loved ones  
Thanks is understood  
– Sandy Rodgers

Red and green apples,  
Cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves:  
Whole house smells of pie.  
– Pat Scully

Snapping the wishbone  
was like a weather forecast  
of my winter’s luck  
– David Travis

Four score and six years,  
This paper has published weekly.  
Thanks to our members.  
– Pat Scully

Dan from the Co-op  
Uses co-op principles  
To feed the village.  
– Pat Scully



Let’s review our thanks  
for trees, leaves and families;  
Green belt loops love in.  
– Andrew Eck

empty autumn trees  
eat, drink and be jovial –  
simple gratitude!  
– Joseph Brown

Friends and family  
Enjoying good food and drink  
With good will to all.  
– Vince Wilding

For eighty-six years  
News Review every week  
Thanks, advertisers!  
– Sandy Rodgers

White-throated Sparrows:  
Their clear-whistled haunting songs  
We’ll hear into spring  
– Deanna Dawson

bare autumn trees  
feast, drink and be jovial –  
cornucopia!  
– Joseph Brown

Bereft of barnyard  
Turkey steams crisp and silent  
And not so thankful  
– Cathie Meetre

Happy turkey day  
Happy News Review birthday  
Cosmic convergence  
– Sandy Rodgers



Weather is cooler  
But I’m still drinking cold brew  
Guess I always will  
– Dan Gillotte

Haiku Figures  
Triangle founded,  
Heptadecagon sounded,  
Pentagon bounded.  
– Richard M. Bates

My meal tofurky,  
mashed potatoes, something green  
the rest is gravy  
– Rosie Weaver

Evidence  
Orange pumpkin pies,  
Cherry, apple, blueberry –  
Pied cheeks of cherubs.  
– Richard M. Bates

Time for giving thanks  
Family, friends at table  
News Review at door  
– Sandy Rodgers

Red leaves on the bough  
Brown leaves crunching under foot.  
Winter is coming.  
– Pat Scully

Football, Fire Pits  
Food, Friends, Family ... in Fall  
We’re all in “F” key!  
– Vijay Parameshwaran

Turkey on platter.  
Apple, pecan, pumpkin pies.  
Family, Friends. Feast  
– Pat Scully

a glorious day  
celebrate with gratitude –  
autumn’s cornucopia!  
– Joseph Brown

Superb  
Thursdays’ bright supper,  
Supplied with supreme support –  
Greenbelt News Review.  
– Richard M. Bates

